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College Veterans At Conference

"Need For Expanding Physical Facilities, Challenge to the Curriculum and Faculty, and Inflation on the Campus," were the main topics at Harvard University's Emerson Hall where the first of a series of regional intercollegiate one day conferences, sponsored by the American Veterans Committee was held on Sunday, November 24, 1946. This conference, composed of delegates of 23 colleges in New England was mainly to exchange opinions of the veterans on campuses. This in turn, would help to formulate definite policies that would be included in the national operative policy of the American Veterans Committee. The objectives of the convention were twofold:

1. To formulate suggestions that will guide the National Education Committee of AVC in preparing a program for the student veterans.
2. To serve as a useful medium of exchange for opinions and experiences of the veterans in solving educational problems on different campuses.

The convention was given by the Regional AVC Association which includes all of New England. There were 67 veterans present representing 23 colleges. Addresses of welcome were given and the group divided for round table discussions.

The following is a partial list of the suggestions that will be presented to the National Committee on Education:

That the importance of education has and will continue to increase in the United States. That the heavy influx of students at colleges is not merely a temporary situation. It will continue to grow. That, since it is not a temporary situation, colleges and universities should make long range, permanent plans for increasing the facilities in their respective fields. That the compensation for teachers should be set on national standards to be determined by a Federal Agency. That there should be special grants-in-aids from the government in constructing additional facilities at the colleges.

That the government should subsidize any worth-while student, veteran or non-veteran, who meets certain educational standards for a four-year college education. That there should be a system to determine the qualifications of the individuals. That to help alleviate the present housing problem existing rent controls should be kept. That there should be state and city action to reopen unused buildings for housing and class room space.

The last thing that was done was the circulation of a petition that would raise the subsistence allotments on the G. I. Bill of Rights. This read as follows:

WHEREAS: the increased cost of living has rendered subsistence allotments under the G. I. Bill of Rights to student veterans inadequate in providing a decent minimum standard of living—

AND WHEREAS: price increases have virtually destroyed the intention and purpose of that part of the G. I. Bill of Rights intended to assist student veterans in maintaining themselves during their period of education—

THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED that we, the undersigned, both veterans and non-veterans, petition the House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs to reopen the question of allowances to student veterans under the G. I. Bill of Rights, and that recommendations be made to Congress when it convenes that amounts of said allotments granted be geared to a cost of living index.

Preamble to Constitution of American Veterans Committee, Inc.

We, as veterans, of the Second World War, associate ourselves regardless of national origin, creed, or color for the following purposes:

To preserve the Constitution of (Continued on Page Four)

1ST POSTWAR ROTC INSPECTION HERE

The Rhode Island State College ROTC unit, more fully equipped this year than ever before, will have its first postwar inspection by regular army officers next Monday. It was learned today from Col. Bartholemew DeGraffe, commander of the local unit.

The inspection board will be sent from headquarters of the First Army at Governor's Island, N. Y. The Rhody unit has an excellent rating from prewar days, and is aiming at retaining the blue star, symbol of an excellent unit, which all 180 members wear on their right sleeves.

Last Monday all members of the elementary section were issued additional clothing. Overcoats, raincoats, shoes, socks and leather gloves are among the new items issued to ROTC unit here.

PRE-YULE CONCERTS ON MUSIC SCHEDULE

The Department of Music of Rhode Island State College announces two pre-Christmas Concerts to be held in Edwards Hall, to which the public is cordially invited.

A band concert is to be given this Wednesday evening, Dec. 4th, at 8 o'clock by the members of the Rhode Island State College Band under the direction of Mr. Arnold Clair.

Program
National Emblem March Sousa
Overture—
The Chocolate Soldier Straus
Pavanne from Symphonette No. 2 Morton Gould
Italian Polka Rachmaninoff
Singing the Ingots Moffatt
Victor Herbert Favorites
arr. M. Lake
The Thunderer March Sousa
The members of the band are as follows:

Clarinet—Frank DeLuise, Herbert Bander, Edward Zielinsky, John Kennedy, John Leahy.
Bass Clarinet—Clifford Ey.
Saxophone—Burton Charren, James Young, Sam Kesteman, Kenneth Wilcox.
String Bass—Charles Johnston.
Cornet—Vito Pierannungi, Robert Rosche, Charles Barber, Donald Cain, Edward Swann, Donald Dumelon.
Baritone—Robert Craig.
Trombone—Linwood Smith, William Kramer, Stanley Weslowski.
French Horn—Edmund Kreischer, Elwood Heath.
Tuba—Conrad Darelus.
Tympani—William Hall.
Drums—Robert McCaddin, William Braise, Herb Schulman.

The concert will be followed with carol singing by the audience, under the direction of student leaders. There is no admission charge.

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New Radio Group Plans Show

After only two meetings, the "Broadcasting Club" is off with a boom! Under the leadership of Jim Falciglio, who is resuming his prewar position as President, officers were elected. They are as follows: Program manager, Charlie Jones; business manager, Sue Thornley, and technical manager, Al Bailey. Phyllis Luther was elected secretary.

For those of you who are wondering just what the club will do, here are the tentative plans. If permission can be secured, a "Supper Show," similar to those heard over your national stations, will be presented nightly in the cafeteria. Later when the necessary equipment is secured, the club will put on weekly programs that can be received locally on the radio.

Within a few weeks, the station, under the guidance of Dr. Wilson hopes to put on its first show.

STUDENTS - FACULTY HOLD GET-TOGETHER

A Student-Faculty Get Together was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Sunday, November 24, between 5 and 7, p. m. and was followed by a candlelight Thanksgiving Service at the Village Church.

The topic for discussion this week was centered around the "Quadrangle Quotes" which appeared in a recent issue of the BEACON on student-faculty relations. "We all are aware of the friction that exists on this campus, and if we didn't know about it before, we know now that it must be present or the question would not have arisen in the Quotes column of the school newspaper," members said.

After much discussion on the whys and wherefores of such friction, the following conclusions were drawn: Students are afraid to become better acquainted with their teachers because their classmates are manner-minded enough to look at such a relationship as just plain "apple-polishing." But one of the professors present at the get-together stated that he knew when a student was "apple-polishing" and when he was sincere. We don't fool them a bit, so why not be sincere about our relationships and our studies. Another thing brought out was that if students and faculty members alike put their best foot forward in their courses, a greater respect would arise for the student by the instructor and vice versa. Thus, in turn, paving the way for a greater understanding of one another and breaking down the frictional barrier that may exist.

We realize students are always (Continued on Page Three)

FLYNN, FRENCH AND HAACK ELECTED PRESIDENTS

D. Gray, L. Kyle and B. Hopps Take High Votes for Vice Presidents



Dr. Franklin Dunham, chief of the radio division of the U. S. Office of Education, will be the Wednesday morning assembly speaker, discussing radio, movies, and television as forces in our present economy. He will arrive Tuesday evening for a two-day visit here as an Arts program lecturer of the Association of American Colleges.

MODEL CONGRESS HERE THE 7TH

The 1946 Model Congress to be held here on Dec. 7, sponsored by the Wranglers and the Portia Club, promises to be the largest in the nine years of Congress history and will consist of twelve high schools.

Aldrich High School, sending Elizabeth Brown and John Afarian for the Senate and Carol Cox and Bernard Kenelvan for the House of Representatives will debate on "Resolved: that each and every person attaining the age of eighteen be granted the Constitutional right of suffrage."

Cranston High School will send George Field and Kenneth Kansas to the Senate plus Hoanne Hurd and Donald Rick to the House of Representatives to talk on "Resolved: that Federal Aid to the States Shall Be Increased, Under Conditions Safeguarding State Control, in Order to Equalize, to Extend and to Improve Public Education."

East Greenwich sends in the resolution, "Resolved: That Congress Investigate the Problem of Divorce and Create a National Divorce Law."

The Senate delegates from East Providence are Harry I. Cunha and Qindor E. Carpenter, while the delegates to the House of Representatives are Richard Sample and Myron J. Francis. They will debate on, "Resolved: That the United States Congress Approve a Plan for Having the Danube, the Dardanelles, Gibraltar, the Suez Canal, and the Panama Canal, under the control of the United Nations."

Mount Pleasant will send Rosemary Crook and William Keenan with Dorothy Snow, alternate, to the Senate and Irene Ambrose and Paul Cipalla, with Ann Noach, as alternate to the House of Representatives to debate on "Resolved: That the Right to Vote Shall Not Be Denied or Abridged by the United States or Any State by Reason of Failure to Pay any Tax or by Reason of Any Property Qualification."

The Senators from Pawtucket West to debate on "Resolved: That the United States Government Subsidize Higher Education," are Bertram Wolfson and Mary Monedas, while the Representative will be Arlyene Palmer.

Rogers of Newport is sending (Continued on Page Two)

With John Flynn, Ellery French and Bill Haack winning presidencies of the senior, junior and sophomore classes respectively, Rhode Island State went to the polls last Tuesday surrounded by a definite political atmosphere.

In the most highly sought-after office of the elections, Bill Haack of Beta Phi edged by Danny Cashman of SAE to win the presidency of the sophomore class by a margin of eight votes, placing Cashman as treasurer. Another close battle within the sophomore class gave Bev Hopps of Chi Omega the vice presidency with a lead of two votes. Significant was the election of Robert DeYoung of the Huts to the office of social chairman, who represents the first man from that organization to reach a class office.

In the junior class another close contest found Ellery French of Beta Phi a victor over Joe Rock of Theta Chi with a twelve vote lead. Lois Kyle, Delta Zeta, took the vice president's position with a safe lead over Sigma Kappa's Barbara Knowe who is the new vice president. In that election, Warren Salter of Phi Mu became the social chairman of the junior class.

The senior class showed a very small count of votes due to its size and the results therefore were comparatively farther apart. John Flynn of Delta Alpha was winner of the contest and running second to him in the men's column was John Chlaverini who took the treasurer's office. Dorothy Gray of Davis Hall was popular choice as vice president, while Tony Lewis of Sigma Kappa was chosen as secretary of the senior class. Social chairman elected was Manoog Heditisan of Phi Mu.

By organizations, Beta Phi fared best, with two class presidencies, Delta Zeta, Phi Mu Delta and Sigma Kappa all placed two officers in the elections, while SAE, Theta Chi, Chi Omega, Davis Hall, PIK and the Huts placed one apiece. The results are as follows:

Senior Elections
President, John Flynn, 30 votes, Delta Zeta

Vice President, Dorothy Gray, 41 votes, Davis Hall
Secretary, Antoinette Lewis, 21 votes, Sigma Kappa

Treasurer, John Chlaverini, 20 votes, PIK.
Social Chairman, Manoog Heditisan, 16 votes, Phi Mu.

Junior Elections
President, Ellery French, 63 votes, Beta Phi

Vice President, Lois P. Kyle, 83 votes, Delta Zeta
Secretary, Barbara Knowe, 61 votes, Sigma Kappa

Treasurer, Joseph Rock, 51 votes, Theta Chi
Social Chairman, Warren Salter, 43 votes, Phi Mu

Sophomore Elections
President, William Haack, 97 votes, Beta Phi

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Union to Broadcast Games

Arrangements have been completed which will make it possible for students and faculty members unable to gain admission to Rodman Hall for basketball games to hear a play-by-play account of the games by means of a public address system set-up between the gymnasium and the union. In this manner, persons seated comfortably in the union can listen to a running account of the game as described by an announcer in the new broadcasting booth in the west balcony.

Station WEAN will broadcast delayed transmissions of the second halves of most home games, but since the campus people are so vitally interested in the affairs of the Rams and since many will be unable to cram themselves into the gym, this means of spot announcing was arrived at. Advance reports indicate that divan seats in the union will be at a premium.

INFANTRYMAN'S TALE

This is the story of an infantryman in one operation in the Italian, Appennine Mountains. This was his first action and the whole movement was done with great secrecy, for without it the attack would certainly have failed. He was a member of the 10th Mountain Division, U. S. Army.

It is written as he saw it and heard it and remembers it.

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The thing that we had trained for two long years, two years of agonizing hardships, years of living in icy-cold, blizzards, years of loneliness, regimentation, of saluting when we would rather be spitting, was a reality. These years were all behind. Now there was only the quiet stamp of breathless men, the nervous tug in our stomachs' pit, the nervousness of the unknown. It was just pulling hard against your pack, lifting your feet to avoid the rocks, placing them so the underbrush would not betray us.

Around the next turn and above was the enemy. Jerry with his emplacements and burp guns and

glistening bayonets that shine in the moonlight like our own.

Our objective was the top of this sixteen hundred foot cliff that rose like a towering obelisk. The importance of this rocky crag was as an observation post. For here Jerry could sit and direct his deadly artillery on the main point, the huge Mt. Belvedere, apex of his entire line running east and west through the Appennines. This line had held the Allied advance for many months. The Germans were old soldiers and had plenty of time to arrange their strong points. The Italian Fascists were with them to show the only routes of advance. Three other attacks had been made against Belvedere. One of these had succeeded initially but a strong counter attack had thrown our troops back with heavy losses.

Our orders were to take this hill at all costs. We were green troops. Had landed in Italy a month before and almost immediately we had marched to the front. Some of our men had been killed in patrol action in those first few weeks and as I marched tonight I thought that possibly, up there, was the same (Continued on Page Three)

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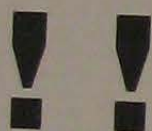
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LOST — ONE BUILDING PROGRAM!



The world is now in a period of transformation and readjustment; from the accelerated tempo and destructive era of war, to what we all hope will be a stable, well-organized, constructive, and permanent peace. It includes all nations and peoples of all ages, and by far, one of the most vital ages for effecting this peace is the one in which the majority of students here are included; that age which was in its prime at the war's outbreak, which was involved in the most active part of the war; that age which is about to assume leadership of the world.

This generation of ours is in a constant quest for knowledge, and rightfully it should be, to be all the more capable of taking over when the time presents itself. The experience of college is valuable for learning through books and professors, and also for learning to get along and deal with others, which is fundamentally what the peace organization is striving for. It therefore follows that college students should be adequately housed and adequately equipped in laboratories, libraries, social centers, and gyms in order to lead a well-rounded and beneficial life, which will be of advantage to the immediate community as well as to the world. A student in these surroundings is happier and better organized, and will reap rewards in the form of better grades, a better education, and as a result, becomes a better citizen.

We have barely facilities for 1800 students here. Laboratories from which much practical and applied experience is gained particularly in chemistry, engineering, zoology, and physics, are too crowded for the safety and comfort of the numbers that work in them. The library is not adequate, either in space, or number of volumes. Classrooms are so few that night classes have been scheduled. The gym and the temporary union have not nearly enough space to accommodate the student body. Although temporary dormitories and Quonset Huts help to alleviate the crowded housing conditions, no space has been allotted the 150 veterans returning again to their alma mater, the 400 campus-hungry students who commute to the Providence and Bristol centers, or the overwhelming number of applications for next fall pouring in from graduating high school students. Subtracting the 175 graduates of February and June, this leaves over 3000 applicants "in the cold." Allowing for 300, rather than a possible 3000 freshman applications, there are still almost 700 more students to be provided for.

A problem like this cannot be tackled in a day. In view of the ever increasing needs for more adequate educational facilities, a ten-year program has been planned by the College Planning Board which is made up of alumni, faculty, and trustees. Topping the list of buildings to be erected under this ten-year program are: the Student War Memorial Union, to be financed by subscription of private funds, eight

dormitories for men and women, financed by "self-liquidating loans," a new gymnasium, and a chemistry building. These four types of buildings are the most urgently needed, in view of the immediate future.

In order to obtain money, or even permission, for starting the building program, a report of the program must be given to the State Planning Board, and the Commission for Coordination and Execution of Postwar Programs. This has been done. The State Planning Board is in favor of the report and has sanctioned it. The Commission, however, has neglected to respond in any way, either positively or negatively, for a considerable length of time. There has been no response to the additional requests of attention to the matter by the Alumni Association and the Patrons' Association. Administration, alumni, faculty, and patrons have done as much as is tactfully possible to get the program under way, for the benefit of us all here now, and those who will follow us.

The act creating the commission in the January, 1945 session of the General Assembly states: "It is the responsibility of the legislature of this state . . . to anticipate the many and varied effects upon the general welfare of the people of this state which will of necessity follow as a direct result of conversion from war-time to post-war economy, and in a non-partisan manner, to attempt to gear the machinery of state and municipal government to the needs of the post-war years." Therefore the commission was created. "Said commission shall coordinate and execute all postwar construction projects and non-construction projects . . . shall be the public agency of the state to cooperate with and assist the federal government in the matter of federal post-war projects in this state. . . ." "The commission shall investigate and cause a study to be made of every project proposed by the state planning board . . . taking into consideration the usefulness and need of such project, the probable costs . . . and the commission shall thereupon submit its report on each such project, together with its recommendations, to the governor." . . . "Before approving any such project, the commission shall carefully investigate it, taking into consideration the usefulness and need of such project, . . ." Apparently the commission has done none of these things.

Is there any question as to the need and usefulness of this project? As witnesses of the situation, students feel that this is begging the question. It can be seen all around us, in classes, labs, cafeteria, and Quonset Huts. What better evidence, plus the ever-increasing enrollment? But simply because either of the negligence or refusal to take a stand, on the part of ten Rhode Island citizens, the ball cannot even start rolling. The time element is important, in consideration of those hoping to begin their college education in September.

These ten are namely: Mr. Laurence J. Hogan, chairman, Messrs. J. Bertram Watson, Honorable Antonio Prince, Frank J. Benti, Henry V. Collins, Walter F. Farrell, George H. Reama, Albert Harkness, Arthur P. Patt, and Alfred B. Lemon. If they do not consider the situation and act, there are only two alternatives: (1) erecting more temporary buildings, which will provide reason for holding up the ten-year program even longer and (2) omitting the entire class of 1951. We cannot afford for it to be either!

RARE LITERATURE TILTON'S INTEREST

The first striking fact one learns about Dr. Donald Tilton is his hometown, Brooklyn. Then one scales his height and decides that the city breeds them tall.

Starting with elementary schooling in his native town, he went to Amherst College, for two years, and then to St. Stevens Bard College on the Hudson where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree. From Harvard he received his Master's degree and in 1941 Princeton conferred on him his doctorate.

He began teaching English and modern European history in Hamilton College, New York, but left the position to do research work in legal history.

Then followed teaching jobs in Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, Brooklyn College and New York State Teacher's College.

While at Pratt Institute he married following which he and his Dutch wife went to Europe where they visited Holland and England. In Holland, here Mrs. Tilton has relatives, they stayed in Amsterdam. While in England they visited Southampton, London, Cambridge, Ely, Lincoln, York, Gloucester and Oxford.

Dr. Tilton's purpose in England, besides honeymooning, was to study the literature of the country. He invaded the bookshops, bringing back with him several volumes to add to his already extensive collection.

His office in South Hall is lined

with old and new history books. Some of the leather bound volumes are valuable, such as the edition of the "Doomsday Book" printed in England in 1770.

"There are only two printed copies of this book that deals with an inventory of the land in England. Soon after these were published the printing house burned to the ground and the special type being used was destroyed," Dr. Tilton told me. The original manuscript of the "Doomsday Book" was written in 1085.

"The Collection of Royal Ordinances" printed in France in 1585 is parchment covered and aired by holes made by bookworms.

His classic tastes are many. His phonograph record collection of about nine hundred recordings includes the works of Bach, Beethoven and Mozart. He plays the viola and the violin.

But Dr. Tilton deals with such down to earth practical things as gadgetmaking.

"Gadgetmaking?" I asked. He wheeled around in his chair and pointed to something on the desk.

"Know what that is?" he asked. It was an ingenious bookstand. He snapped the springs that held the pages and said, "Those came from mousetraps. This other bookstand here was made by a friend of mine. He had quite a job bending that wire that serves as page holders. Too much trouble. Mousetraps are easier."

Dr. Tilton is teaching political science and History of Civilization courses at Rhode Island State College.

"Happy Birthday"

"Happy Birthday" concerns an inhibited, mousey little librarian. The play takes place in a saloon. Addie, alias Helen Hayes, musters up enough courage to enter a den of iniquity on the pretense that it is her duty to warn her bank clerk, Louis Heydt, whom she secretly loves, that her father is on the rampage, and is "a lookin'" for him. The father, Robert Burton, is the "I'll tear you from limb to limb" type.

Addie was, after some coaxing, induced to have her first drink. It tasted like more. She had more. Addie got extremely happy.

Her whole world became rosier. The lighting technique here was wonderful! Addie sang (not a bad voice, either) and danced. Everyone became a new friend. The bottles on the bar became illuminated, some even sprouted flowers.

She was so pleased with her new world, that she had a party. Free drinks for everyone. She wanted to help all her new found friends like the girl that was unhappy and alone on her birthday, because her boyfriend's wife's birthday was the same day and he had to be with her and there was the couple that were expecting yet could not afford the legal expenses of a hasty divorce so he would be free to marry the gal before the new edition arrived.

The bank clerk discovers that Addie was not a prim prude, but was quite 'life-like.'

"Happy Birthday" would have been slap stick without such a grand cast. Miss Hayes was just cute as the dickens. She proves she could do a comedy as well as drama. Her leading man was not quite in the cream puff class, but his part did not afford him much opportunity to be masculine. Grace Valentine and Enid Markey deserve note for supplying lots of laughs as two old cronies eager for romance.

Model Congress

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Pelliam Ryerson and John Fritsimmons to the Senate, plus John J. Hunnewell and Jerry Lynch to the House of Representatives to debate on "Resolved: That the United States provide funds to be used in scientific researches in the field of our country's top deadliest diseases."

Patricia Jones and Anita McCarthy as Senators along with Jane Murphy and Betty Hogan as representatives from St. Xavier's Academy, will debate on "Resolved: That Commercial Building Be Curtailed to Provide Homes for Veterans."

St. George's School is sending Michael E. Sterner and Thomas W. M. Smith to talk on "Resolved: That the Following Amendment Be Proposed to the Constitution:

"Section 1. The Congress shall during the last week in January following Congressional elections take a vote of confidence on the President of the United States. If the President fails to gain the support of a majority in both cases he must resign. In this case a new President shall be chosen by the House of Representatives, with a majority of votes cast necessary for election."

"Section 2: This article shall be unoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the constitution by conventions in the several states, as provided in the Constitution."

Senators from Samuel Gorton include Adeline Young and Beverly Calderwood, while Richard Henry and Delores Salinder will act as representatives. The resolution is "Resolved: That the Electoral College Be Abolished by a Constitutional Amendment and the President Be Elected Directly by a Majority of the People."

From South Kingstown, Arlene Gough and Claire Laurion in the Senate and Wesley Hodge and Margaret Powers in the House of Representatives will debate on "Resolved: That the Federal Government Should Provide Financial Assistance to the Medical Profession in Order That a Nation-wide Health Insurance be Instituted." Members from the faculty acting as observers include Dr. Walter L. Simmons, Dr. Mary A. Bell and Dr. Lee C. Wilson.

Professor Robert L. Hilliard a faculty advisor to the debating societies, and Mr. James W. Woodward is acting as liaison officer between the debating clubs and the high schools.

The program is as follows:

9:00 registration, 9:15 general session, 9:30, convocation address by Dr. Carl Woodward, 11:45 luncheon, 12:30 resumption of business, 2:30 adjournment, 2:30 tea and dance at the Union.

INFANTRYMAN'S TALE

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German that had killed Hall in the ambush.

The trail up this mountain from the town below led past an Italian farm house. It was one of those affairs that continually astonish an American. He is unable to understand how the house manages to stay perched on the mountain side through one of those terrific gales. Our marching had awakened the family and as I walked by the old farmer's wife whispered "Bonna fortuna."

Progress was slow, sudden stops and moving forward. Our scouts ahead wanted to make certain that the path was clear.

Suddenly the sharp bark of a German machine gun bit the night. We were discovered! My pack pulled toward the edge of the path as I hit the ground. I tried to lay quiet, to listen, to watch for the place of the bullets' origin. I could hear only my quick breathing and see only the white snow on the peak above.

Then in whispered voices the order came to move ahead. Men struggled under their packs and the symphony of marching feet continued. But no longer were my thoughts on how heavy my pack was or how the voice of the farmer's wife had sounded, but that at any moment fire, bright lead might come whizzing out of the dark.

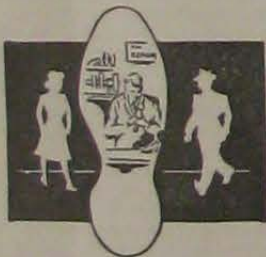
After ages we reached the top, quickly fanned out and started the holes that were to be our homes for the next three days. Our confidence returned as we dug and the dangers that we had imagined and that were yet to come, were forgotten. We dozed in half sleep over our trenching tools and quietly the dawn crept up on us. It was a thick fog that greeted us and with it our fears returned and multiplied. Jerry is well known for his counter attacks and in this fog he could almost touch us before we were aware that he was present.

Snow fell with the lengthening day and still there was no sign of Jerry. Rumors started to circulate that he had given up. But those of us who had met him on patrol knew that there was plenty of fight left in the Germans. It took three days before it came but when it did we all knew it was there.

The peak we now occupied was called Riva Ridge. Spreading out to our right flank was the point of main importance, Campiano. It was here that Jerry had his outpost. It was from here that the entire valley, cradling Belvedere and Rocko Cornette could be scrutinized and artillery fire directed accurately.

CARD PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5th
Commuters' Room - Quinn Hall
8:00 P. M.
Admission 45c
Everyone Invited



How's the State of
Your Sole?
You'll Never Reach Your Goal
With a Hole in Your Sole

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SHOE REBUILDERS
132 MAIN ST., WAKEFIELD, R. I.
Look at Your Shoes Others Do
Leave Your Shoes at Doc Evans' Store

Campiano had been assaulted and occupied by another group of Americans, the same night we had arrived, but the territory between the two points had not been covered. The territory between Riva Ridge and Campiano consisted of three hundred yards of the worst terrain I have ever seen. A razor edge with snow on Jerry's side and shale and loose sand on ours, sharp rock clefts where a slip meant a fall of a hundred feet and long wind-swept areas that offered no cover from fire were all there.

The day after we arrived the order came to assault the untouched area. Our battalion commander was there to personally lead the assault, mountain platoon. My job was to follow the attacking force with machine gun ammunition. Once again it was just the torture of the unknown, for Jerry was not seen. The report given after the assault read, "Attack made, no opposition."

Now our confidence really soared. We had reached Campiano and there was still no fight. Precautions were almost forgotten. Except for a few shells during the night there was no sign of war. The sun came out bright and we built small fires to cook our C-rations. We deepened our fox-holes.

Later that day someone came with the story that he had killed two Germans midway between Riva and Campiano. A small skirmish with some "lost" Jerries and our security patrol had taken place. I had managed to get a few shots off at long range. The enemy was located across the valley and if you watched real closely you saw pairs walking in the sparse woods. For the most part we lounged in the sun and dreamt about home.

Just before sundown of the third night Jerry's artillery killed three of our men and wounded three others. I was told to assist carrying the dead to where mules could take them the rest of the way down the hill. It was a heart-breaking task carrying those forms that had once been my friends. The odor of death had settled even in that cold. That was war in reality.

That night our relief arrived. The men suddenly realized that in a few hours they would be away from the hill. Life took on new meaning. From all around came whispers, little foolish jokes in the darkness, as if the men had awakened from a deep sleep. Here was a new lease on life. Here was the possibility of a bath, some decent food and maybe even a place to stretch and a shave. It meant being a person, again, living again.

Before the full meaning of these things had taken hold of my tired brain I was ordered to lead the men of the relief from our peak to Campiano. I was to return with a group of men who were to accompany the outfit back to the rest area. But the officer in command of the relieved men refused to lead them back across the ledge and took the shortest route, straight down. I was given the choice of staying the night at the point or

returning alone to Riva Ridge. I decided to go back that night alone to explain that the others had already returned. Otherwise it would have meant the whole company would have stayed another night waiting for word from the relieved men.

As I left the enclosure I spoke to one of the sergeants. He assured me that if he heard firing he would come to my aid. I started out, grasping for every bit of knowledge about scouting and patrolling that I had ever learned. I moved slowly, watching and listening, crouching low so as to throw little shadow in the bright moon-light. The moon made the night seem like day. Weird shadows from dead trees gave the appearance of grotesque men and in my warped state of mind I tried to form a plan of action should the enemy appear. What could a lone man do against a patrol? Should I fake an attack and make them believe that I was part of a large force? Should I turn and run? And suddenly I awakened to the fact that I was no longer walking alertly but running blindly ahead, intent only on getting back to my fox-hole. I forced myself to stop. I stood listening but could hear only the night silence and an occasional artillery burst in the distance. I walked on, past the place where the shell had killed our men, past the two dead Germans hung in a tree and soon I was running aimlessly again. Cold sweat broke out on my forehead as I ran on, sinking kneedeep into the snow, stumbling, gaining my feet and running on again. The order to halt returned me to reality and with a sigh of relief I gave the pass-word and was admitted to the fold.

Our relief had arrived and now we were headed back to civilization. We practically ran down that cliff. The rest of the night we remained in the village at the foot of Castel Busse. We awakened to the sound of artillery falling on the heights above. The counter attack that we had so long anticipated had finally come. We were told to pack. The company was returning to help defend the area that we had taken so easily. For some unknown reason that order was never followed, and it is only from the lips of the men who had remained do I know what took place in the big fight.

And while the counter attack was going on the sun was shining on the happiest men alive. We were on our way back to rest. The "hill" was forgotten. Our packs seemed lighter and slowly the warmth crept back into our tired legs. The snow in the valley was melting. Spring was just around the corner. The sky was a blue color known only to battle weary men. I started to sing, a lump rose into my throat, tears I could no longer hold back streamed down my beard. I marched to the tune of the babbling mountain stream that ran along the road side.

It was good to be alive. It was good to feel the warmth of the sun again. Today, life was wonderful. Tomorrow who knows... an infantry soldier must live for today.

WSGA Elect

Voting of the Women's Student Government Association in the past few weeks has resulted in the election of the following people:

As members of the nominating committee: Senior, Ann Rivello, junior, Alice Wallander, sophomore, Helen McGuigan, and freshman, Mary De Luca. For the judicial board: Rita Patalone, and Elizabeth MacDonald. Freshman at large: Jean Stump.

Due to the low marks of the first Blue Book exam, it was repeated on November 25th. The passing mark was set at 100.

It has been announced that a Dean's Hour will be held in January, with Dr. Walter Simmons as the guest speaker.

Students - Faculty

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busy, and so are the faculty. But neither one is too busy to spend a little time on weekends at homes of the faculty. On this campus we have such a tendency to go home week-ends that we spoil that idea. But for you who complain about having nothing to do week-ends if you stay down, here is something worth looking into.

We students mustn't forget that the faculty members are "bashful" and hesitant about asking us to join them at the caf for coffee or their homes for refreshments and informal discussions for fear of what we might say. And don't think because Mr. so and so teaches Physics that Physics is all he talks about! Just because you're a Zoology major, does that mean that's all you can talk about? Heavens forbid!

Some suggestions for what to do about fostering better relations were student-faculty sports, Sunday evening open house like we have been doing this fall, a special student-faculty day where assorted activities can be held as well as open house, and above all, let me stress again that the first thing we must do is both put our best foot forward in our courses. "You prof, prepare a good lecture," and "we, students, will prepare our lessons well," and in the end we'll all win.

So forget the thought of apple-polishing, students, and get to know your professors better. You'll be surprised to find how human they really are; but be tactful for best results—that is, don't expect him to sit down and chat about your girl friend when he's got five minutes to set up an experiment for his next class! And how about you professors not taking our friendliness as a way of trying to get a good mark out of you. We know you'll give us what we deserve anyway.

The topic that reached its height at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Woodward last week was "Integrity." The word, itself, suggests honesty and nobleness of character on the campus, as well as at home.

I think few of us are aware of what goes on right under our very noses. But let me enlighten you a bit, so that you, can see things clearer and with open eyes.

The thing which is closest to us is in the class room during examinations. We've studied hard for the exam and the exam is a little harder than we had anticipated. There sits Mary biting her fingernails because she can't remember anything. Joe, right beside her, feels sorry for her, because she's lost. She looks at him out of the corner of her eye, and he takes the hint and subtly pushes his paper on the side of his desk, so she can copy his answers. We know it's going on, but we aren't supposed to tell tales. However, we know

that in some courses, because of the sliding scale, our work will be affected by her copying and so will be the marks of the whole class. I feel it's up to me to talk to people like Joe after class and tell him he is just as wrong in helping Mary as Mary is in seeking his help.

Did you ever think that you were cheating when you cut into the line in the cafeteria? You are—you're cheating other people out of their place in line. Maybe they ran out of something you wanted. If that fellow just ahead of you hadn't cut in, you might have had what you came over early for. And, I've noticed, when the students arrive before the caf opens, they sit at tables by the door. Naturally, later arrivals, walk up and sit at the tables with them. Up jumps everyone to get in line and where are they? Yes—right in back of their friends. And yet these same people wouldn't think of stealing money or something from anyone. But isn't it basically the same thing? No matter what the size or quantity of dishonesty, the principle is the same in every case.

There is stealing going on at the boys' gym while the boys are practicing basketball. As a result, people who like to watch the fellows play, are no longer allowed in the gym during such times. Is this fair to take away the enjoyment of other people, because one or two of us are so dishonest?

And let's not forget that the things we steal from other people are things they've either needed or cherished. And taking money from our fellow students is being so underhanded that I needn't discuss it at any length. We students don't have much money to spend, as it is, and it isn't fair to our fellow classmates to help ourselves to their hard-earned student checks.

It's a fine state of affairs when you get to the point where you can't trust anybody. Some students have a weakness for walking off with other people's books in the cafeteria and classrooms. If you walk off with little things like that, what is your life going to come to when you leave college?

And, girls, remember that you are only cheating yourselves by trying to sneak in after hours, and so are those girls who help you do so, by waiting up and unlocking the door to let you in. Those of us who help and observe and allow it to go on, are as much to blame as those who actually do the deed. Reporting such actions is not tattletaling, but weeding out those evils in order to make campus life the pleasant and free atmosphere which we want it to be.

Pre-Yule Concerts

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The Messiah, by George Frederick Handel, will be the offering for the second concert to be given by the College Concert Choir, on Wednesday evening, December 11, at 8 o'clock. The choir will be directed by Professor Lee C. McCauley and the soloists are: Mme. Renata S. Ruisi, soprano; Eloise S. Kinney, contralto; Frank M. Pelton, tenor, and Kenneth Higginbotham, bass.

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Quadrangle Quotes

The consensus on campus has it that the Beacon is a "mediocre" paper. What changes or additions would you like to see made which you believe would result in a better publication?

I believe that the publication would be improved by, among other things, more editorials on subjects of interest to students aside from those in a reproving tone; also less censorship would be a step in the right direction. Barbara Marcus—E. R. Hall.

I enjoy reading the Beacon, but the news is always quite old by the time the paper has been printed. However, I realize all the work that goes into it, and I think that more should consider the time and effort involved before they start criticizing. Jean Kenney—D. Z.

The Beacon as it is now is just a fair piece of literature. There isn't anything in it except news of frats and sororities which is repetition week after week. I think that there should be more articles about other schools and their doings—more pictures and more articles on sports. There should also be comments on a digest of current news of importance. Carl Lauro—Phi Sigma.

I would like to see less old news that everyone knows before reading the paper and less gossip. Constructive and intelligent editorials would add to the Beacon—material that would show the ability which is expected of college students. Thelma Allen—E. R. Hall.

I think the Beacon would be drastically improved by pictures—not ones that we have seen several times in other newspapers, but snaps of campus life. Phyl Luther—D. Z.

I think the Beacon could be a little bigger with much more of things going on. I think the kids have been doing a pretty good job but news from more and varied sources would help. Bee-Jay Seabury—E. R. Hall.

A paper "for the students by the students"—let's do away with all this administration and faculty censorship. Larry Scallion—Huts.

The Beacon at the present is more like a society column—more news about what's going on in the college than what the individual does over the weekend is of more interest to the students. David Fineberg—Huts.

Moving the publication date in the direction of the time the news occurred would make the Beacon more worthy of the name newspaper. A student literary effort or two per week might help, too. Maynard Shusman—Huts.

A small table of contents on the front page would be appropriate. So that students could immediately find the items they are interested in. The paper seems to be varied enough, and it is as good a job as can be done under the circumstances which it is published. Ralph Morgan—Huts.

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Gold Piece Redeemed

Dr. W. George Parks proved his ownership of the \$5 gold piece which was found in the Green Hall coke machine—and to prove that his heart is in the right place, he paid \$5 to get it back. His greenback was turned over to the Student Union fund. Dr. Parks carries around as lucky pocket pieces two gold coins—a \$5 and a \$2.50 gold piece. He had missed the larger piece, but until he read the story in the Beacon he had no idea where it might have gone. Now he's happy at having his companion gold piece back in his pocket, and the Union fund is \$5 to the good because Dr. Parks inadvertently paid \$5 for one drink of that beverage that refreshes—probably a high mark of inflationary values on the campus.

College Veterans

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the United States; to insure the rights of free speech, free press, free worship, free assembly, and free elections; to provide thorough social and economic security to all; to maintain full production and full employment in our country under a system of private enterprise in which business, labor, agriculture, and government cooperate; to promote peace and good will among all nations and all peoples; to support active participation of the Nation in the United Nations and other world organizations whose purposes are to improve the cultural, commercial, and social relations of all peoples; to provide such aid to disabled veterans as will enable them to maintain the position in society to which they are entitled; to provide such financial, medical, vocational, and educational assistance to all veterans as is necessary for complete readjustment to civilian life; to resist and defeat all attempts to create strife between veterans and non-veterans; and to foster democracy. We dedicate ourselves to these aims, and for their attainment we establish this constitution.

CO-ED CHATTER

Highlights from CHI-O's hayride:

We nominate Bob Egan and Dick Possner as candidates for the title of "Queenie of the Burlesque"—only they put 'em on—the kitchen was quite a popular place, even after the food was gone. Many thanks to Thelma Ballerano and Lee and Art Topazio for chaperoning our party—hope you had a swell time—we all did. Where does Marcia get all that energy when Bob's not around—Gosh, she painted her room! SIGMA KAPPA was the scene of a shower last week-end in honor of Ruth Dove, who is to be married on December 14 to Warren Salter. The shower was given by Barbara Knowe and Sue (Vose) Aldrich. Guests attending the shower were Mrs. Salter, Mrs. Dove, Mrs. Hunt, Shirley Salter, Marjorie (Bills) Blease, Jean Salter, Natalie Brice, Helen French, Mary Alice Wood, Rita Lombardo, Rubie Higgins, Gretchen Johnson, Christine Bills, Martha Jacobs and Peggy Eatough. Miss Mary Jane Withrow, the traveling secretary of Sigma Kappa, who was a guest at the house last week, was honored at a tea last Friday afternoon from 4:30-6. Last Thursday night Miss Withrow was honored at the Sigma Kappa Alumni Banquet that was held at the Plantations Club in Providence. Visiting Connecticut last week-end were Pete Mahady and Ros Burns. Pete visited in Hartford, while Ros attended the Harvard-Yale football game in Cambridge last Saturday. Surprise of the week comes from the VIAJERES Club—seemed that Alberta Crossley who is in the habit of getting herself lost, got all the way to Maryland and back. Doing good, Alberta!

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Greek Letter Releases

Pledge Formals and Semi-Formals Mark Frats' Thanksgiving Week-End

Reporters Report to the Campus

With the coming of winter the cap fever at Lambda Chi has gained such prominence that we believe that the occupants are left-overs from the Al Capone period. The first great appearance of these Bowery figures, or joy boys of radio, was a skit put on by Muddiman, Becker, Mitchell, Bailey and McSweeney during our pledge dance.

But, not to overlook the other members, we serve notice that Lambda Chi is well versed in the culinary art. In the absence of our regular cook, Mrs. Jackson has been ably assisted by "Pies" Brals, "Flapjack" Stott, and our connoisseur of roast beef, Jack Robinson. Signing off now in order to make the next mail express to campus.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

TEKE held its annual Pledge Formal Wednesday evening, November 27. This was TEKE's first formal since the war. Music for dancing was furnished from nine to one by the "Bobcats."

Paddles were presented to the upperclassmen by the pledges.

Dean and Mrs. George Ballentine and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne C. Allinson chaperoned the affair.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

SAE's first postwar pledge formal was a great success and brought back to the members echoes of '40, '41, and '42. With the main social room adorned as a ballroom and the recreation room as a lounge, the house took on a strictly "Folstaff" or "Cabana" atmosphere—much to the enjoyment of everyone.

Members and pledges congratulated Danny Cashman on his election to the office of Sophomore Class Treasurer last Tuesday. With this new office Danny finishes a year as president of the freshman class.

Delta Alpha Psi

A semi-formal dance in honor of the pledges was held at Delta Alpha Psi last Wednesday evening. Jim Eaton, social chairman, and Joe Comiski were in charge of plans for the dance. Music was provided by Johnny Rook.

Alpha Tau Gamma

The house basketball team has already started its practice sessions under Coach Leslie Hilton. There has been a good turnout and the house is looking forward to a good season.

In football last week the "Fat" men beat the "Skinny" men only after a hard battle. The house held its annual pledge dance on Thanksgiving eve, November 23rd.

Alpha Epsilon Pi

Lenny Waldman and wife are now living at Fort Kearney.

Stan Grossman and Billy Warren celebrated birthdays last week.

Abner Schwartz represented the BEACON at a veterans' conference at Harvard last Sunday.

The house hockey team has already received a challenge from Phi Mu. The two teams will clash as soon as ice conditions are favorable.

Dave Picker is an ambitious suitor. He commutes between Kingston and Mt. Vernon, N. Y., every week-end.

Gil Glass, one of Coach Keaney's ex-charges, is expected to be one of the shining lights in the "intra's" this season.

LOYOLA GREYHOUNDS FIRST FEATURE IN HOOP OPENING

The long-awaited opening of the hoop season of the Rampaging Rams gets under way on Tuesday, December 3rd, when Arnold College is the opposition, and on December 6th, as the Loyola Greyhounds of Baltimore, Maryland, will meet Rhody on the Kingston court.

Playing his final season for the Loyola Greyhounds will be burly Sid Roche, one of the mainstays of the team during the war years. One of the tallest men on the squad is Bill Davis, who is six feet four. Bill was a Greyhound in the 1943-44 season.

Take a look at these names. The Irish are really rampant in the Loyola lineup, and no one will deny that the sons of St. Patrick are a fighting clan.

With several former Green and Grey court luminaries resuming their studies at Evergreen, after a sojourn with Uncle Sam's forces, Coach Lefty Reitz is gearing his boys to improve their 1945-1946 record of 17 wins against 7 losses.

The Greyhounds have a wealth of material, boasting a potential winning quintet, and their hopes are firm for a good season. However, any feeling of over-optimism is being quieted down until the Loyola five meet the Rams here at Kingston.

Two of the most reliable pivots in the Loyola lineup are Don Galloway, former scholastic stand-out, and Tom Gisriel, who stretches 6 feet 3 inches. The latter picked up some fine points during his tenure with the Naval Air Station team at Norfolk. Tom was a member of the 1943-44 Greyhound squad. Galloway has been slowed up (according to a sports publicity issue) in his training by a bad case of ship splints, but it is hoped that he will be near top form when their

So Far So Good

A safety record that could be emulated by many other campuses across the nation is that made Rhode Island State where not an automobile accident on campus involving a student has occurred since the opening of Freshman Week.

With a ratio of five cars to every eighteen students, a serious situation was expected by Peter Costanza who heads the campus police "force." Actually, the problem has been completely absorbed much to the pleasure of both college officials and Costanza.

An enviable performance in every sense, this clear bill of record can easily be maintained through the winter months when slippery icy roads will be the rule, by increasing caution on the part of 500 student and 200 employee drivers.

The lone complaint of Costanza is that veterans operating automobiles use cars to go to classes instead of getting there, via campus mare. This week tickets for legal parking are to make an appearance, and he believes that will help persuade the ex-servemen to travel afoot.

Nothing but words of praise can be showered on the student body as a whole, but a gentle "knock-wood" as this point can be classified as unessential if the healthiness practiced in the past is continued with equal vigor.

RIFLE TEAM ASKS FOR MORE MEN

The Men's Rifle Team drops its first postal match of the 47 season against Norwich, Conn., been announced today by England College Rifle League officials. Norwich scored 1200 compared with the Rhody men's 1197.

Missing from the R. I. State list were five varsity regulars who were unable to complete firing the prone, kneeling and standing positions before the time dead Co-Captain Lou Koussa was among the absentees.

Harold Schwenk came through in the kneeling and standing positions to overcome Co-Captain Davis' 100 in the prone position. Schwenk had 94 prone, 89 kneeling and 79 standing, for a 262 total, more than Davis.

In number three place Rossworth fired 95, 84 and 65 for a total, followed by Claude Thomas with 95, 89 and 47, and Ed Klemer with 90, 79 and 36. 5 was the sixth man with 82, 73 and 43.

Master Sgt. Frank L. Dool team coach, has revealed that several openings in the team exist, and those who have previous experience in firing are invited to try out tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday this week between 3 and 5 o'clock at the at Rodman Hall.

Opponent for the team this is Harvard. The match with that was scheduled for last has been postponed until February request of the Elis.

BLACK PACES TEAM MEETS AGAIN FOR

Although New York University won the National A. A. U. country meet with a team of 31 points, it was Rhode State's freshman, Bob Black, finished first over the 60 Van Cortland Park course 33:33.2. Bob also finished in the 100-Yard meet which was a few weeks ago. Following list of the first five men to finish:

1.—Bob Black, R. I. State

2.—J. O'Leary, Holy Cross

3.—G. Thompson, NYAC

4.—A. Jordan, NYU, 34.80

5.—D. Bruce, NYU, 34.80

Flynn, French, Hall

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Vice President, Beverly Hall

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Votes, SAE

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62 votes, Huts.



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